COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, *the* *23rd of February 1932.*
11th of Kumbham 1107.

The House met at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, M. Krishna Menon, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, A. Sankara Puduval and P. I. Varugis were absent.

Point of Order regarding Mr. M. K. Raman's Membership.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to a point of order. Section 6 "An official shall not be qualified for election as a Member of the Council and if any non-official Member accepts office in the service of our Government his seat in the Council shall become vacant." Mr. M. K. Raman has accepted office under the Government.

President.—According to the Rules published under that section it has been ruled already that it does not make him an official within the meaning of that section.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Which is that Rule, please?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—There is a notification published in 1102.

President.—This is the notification "In exercise of the powers conferred by section (iii) of Regulation VIII of 1098 Government are pleased to make the following rules:—

1. (i) These rules may be called the 'Non official definition rules'.
   (ii) They shall come into force at once.

2. The holder of any office in the Civil or Military service of the Government if the office is one which does not involve either of the following incidents, namely that the incumbent —
   (a) is a whole time servant of the Government, or
   (b) holds a pensionable office or is in pensionable service with in the meaning of the Cochin Service Regulation shall not be treated as an official for any of the purposes of Regulation VIII of 1098.

3. If any question arises whether any officer is or is not a whole-time servant of Government or holds a pensionable office or is in a pensionable service for the purpose of Rule 2, the decision of the Government shall be final"

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So for all practical purpose he is a non-official Member?

President.—That is clear.

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